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April 16, 2007

The Honorable Jim Weiers  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: HB 2369: temporary signage; preemption; abatement

Dear Speaker Weiers:

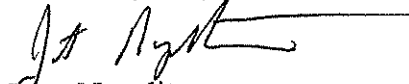
Today I vetoed House Bill 2369, which would have forced municipalities to have regulations or ordinances allowing sign walkers, and controlled the fee that municipalities could impose on sign walker permits.

I appreciate the problem that the sponsor of this bill is trying to address. Free speech is important, and government at any level must tread carefully when enacting time, place, or manner restrictions on even commercial expression. This bill, however, is overly broad and would force every municipality in the state to allow at least ten sign walkers, regardless of the size of the city, the configuration of its streets, or the traffic flow patterns within the community.

Depending on the size and configuration of a city's streets, sign walkers can pose safety hazards by distracting or obstructing the view of motorists and pedestrians. Municipal leaders, who are most familiar with their community's roads and traffic accident history, must retain the regulatory flexibility to ensure the safety of their residents.

This issue is not appropriate for a statewide mandate. For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2369.

Yours very truly,

  
Janet Napolitano  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Tim Bee  
The Honorable Bob Robson

Passed the House March 8, 2007

by the following vote: 36 Ayes,

21 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Moore  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 4, 2007

by the following vote: 17 Ayes,

12 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Timothy S. Bee  
President of the Senate

Charmian Bellington  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

       day of       , 20      

at        o'clock        M.

        
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this        day of

        
at        o'clock        M.

        
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this        day of       , 20      

at        o'clock        M.

        
Secretary of State

H.B. 2369

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 10, 2007.

by the following vote: 31 Ayes,

27 Nays, 2 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House  
Spencer L. Moore  
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

10th day of April, 2007.

at 11:25 o'clock a. M.

Wendy Barra  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.  
**VETO**

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Governor of Arizona

H.B. 2369

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 16 day of April, 2007.

at 4:56 o'clock p. M.

Janice K. Brewer  
Secretary of State